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Dear Administrator McLerran:

I am writing this letter to express my appreciation for the meeting with EPA that took place on November 13, 2013. While I was unfortunately not able to attend the meeting, staff and other Tribal Council representatives tell me that the meeting was a very productive. I was particularly pleased to hear that there was wide spread support to explore ways to expedite the RI/FS process, and to move forward with interim action clean-ups. From the Tribe's perspective, it is of paramount importance that we find a way to begin the implementing of remedial activities as soon as possible.

To ensure that we are in agreement on the path forward, set out below is the Tribes' understanding of the consensus action plan developed during the November 13 meeting.

1. A Technical Review Team (comprised of representatives from EPA, State, Colville Tribes, and Spokane Tribe), will propose an expedited RI/FS schedule and proposed interim action plan. My understanding is that efforts are being made to complete this task by January 13, 2014, and that follow up discussions will take place prior to the January 22, 2013 meeting.
2. A Legal Team (comprised of representatives from EPA, State, Colville Tribes, and Spokane Tribe) will analyze legal issues related to the proposal for an expedited RI/FS schedule and proposed interim action project plan. My understanding is that the proposed date for this task is January 17, 2014, and that follow up discussions will take place prior to the January 22, 2013 meeting.
3. The Colville Tribes, Spokane Tribe, State, and EPA will meet to discuss implementation of the Technical Review Team and Legal Team proposals during the first half of the Trustee Council/EPA Coordination meeting, scheduled to take place in Seattle on January 22, 2014.

Agenda items for this meeting may include the following:

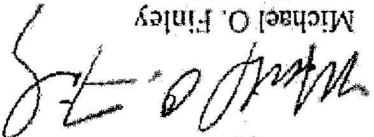
- I. Adopt the proposed expedited RI/FS schedule and proposed interim action project plan.

- ii. Discuss strategies for working with TCM / facilitating TCM's implementation of the proposed expedited RI/FS schedule and proposed interim action project plan.
- iii. Consider CERCLA §104(d)(1) cooperative agreement(s) with EPA to assist EPA with implementation of the RI/FS and interim action(s).
- iv. Identify opportunities to add capacity to the UCR Site.
- v. Need for TCM to increase funding to EPA and Participating Parties.
- vi. Schedule meeting with Tack management.

4. EPA will facilitate scheduling a meeting with TCM Management to present the proposed expedited RI/FS schedule and interim action plan

Once again, I appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


Michael O. Finley

CHAIRMAN